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Project Summary for an Application from
Olon Industries, Inc for Renewal of the
Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit (FESOP) for
Laminated Paper Manufacturing Facility in
Geneva, Illinois

Site Identification No.: 089035AAK

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Schedule

Public Comment Period Begins: November 9, 2006

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I. INTRODUCTION

Olon Industries, Inc. has applied for renewal of its operating permit under the Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit (FESOP) program for its plant in Geneva, Illinois. This plant requires an air pollution control operating permit because it is a source of emissions. The Illinois EPA has prepared a draft of the renewed permit that it would propose to issue for the plant. However, before renewing the permit, the Illinois EPA is holding a public comment period to receive comments on this proposed action and the terms and conditions of the draft permit that it would propose to issue.

II. SOURCE DESCRIPTION

Olon Industries, Inc. manufactures laminated paper that is used as decorative/protective surface for particle board and plywood panels. The laminated paper is produced by saturating purchased, pre-printed paper with a thermosetting plastic resin. The emission units at this plant that require an operating permit include six coating lines. The coating lines use solvent-based coatings. These lines are sources of emissions because the coatings and organic solvents used at the plant contain volatile organic materials (VOM), which are emitted to the atmosphere when the coating are cured or dried in natural gas fired ovens or dryers.

III. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Federally Enforceable State Operating Permits (FESOPs) are federally enforceable, that is, the terms and conditions of the permits can be enforced by USEPA under federal law, as well as by Illinois government and the public under state law. These permits can establish federally enforceable limitations on the operation and emissions of a source that restrict the potential emissions of the source.

The source has been operating this plant under a FESOP because the actual emissions of the plant are below the levels at which the plant would be considered a major source under Title V of the federal Clean Air Act. However, in the absence of federally enforceable limitations, the plant's potential emissions would be such that the plant would be considered a major source. The permit acts to restrict the plant potential emissions so that it need not be considered a major source. As a result, the source does not need to obtain a Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) permit for the plant, as would otherwise be required.

The FESOP limits the operation and annual emissions of the plant to below the major-source-thresholds of 100 tons for VOM, 10 tons for an individual hazardous air pollutant (HAP) and 25 tons for combined HAPs. Emissions of other pollutants, e.g., particulate matter, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, and sulfur dioxide from the plant have potential emissions that are small enough that no additional restrictions are necessary to avoid being a major source of these pollutants.

IV. APPLICABLE EMISSION STANDARDS

All emission units in Illinois must comply with state emission standards adopted by the Illinois Pollution Control Board. These emission standards represent the basic requirements for sources in Illinois. The Board has specific standards for sources of VOM in the greater Chicago area. The coating operations at this plant are subject to 35 IAC 218.204(c), which limits the VOM content of coatings applied to paper.

V. CONTENTS OF PERMIT

The renewed permit that the Illinois EPA is proposing to issue would continue to identify the specific emission standards that apply to the emission units at the plant. The conditions of this permit are intended to ensure that the source continues to comply with applicable emission standards.

The permit would also contain limitations and requirements to assure that this plant is operated as a non-major source. The permit would limit the operation and annual emissions of the plant to below the major-source-thresholds of 100 tons for VOM, 10 tons for an individual HAP and 25 tons for combined HAPs. (Annual emissions of other pollutants from the plant are well below the 100 ton major source threshold.)

The permit would also set limitations on the amount of VOM used at this plant. These limitations are consistent with the historical operation of emission units at the plant.

The permit conditions would also continue to require appropriate compliance procedures, including inspection practices as well as recordkeeping and reporting requirements. The source must carry out these procedures on an on-going basis to demonstrate that the plant is being operated within the limitations set by the permit and the plant's emissions are being properly controlled.

VI. REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

It is the Illinois EPA's preliminary determination that the source has met the requirements for renewal of its permit. The Illinois EPA is therefore proposing to renew the permit.

Comments are requested on this proposed action by the Illinois EPA and the proposed conditions on the draft permit. If substantial public interest is shown in this matter, the Illinois EPA will consider holding a public hearing in accordance with 35 IAC Part 166.